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including Appendix showing changes)	: Petition for 3 Mo. I	Ext. of Time (2pp.	. Filed in Dup.); Check	in the amount of	\$920 to cover
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	Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
	A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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